The outlay approved for the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the 8th Plan is Rs. 146 crores. No State-specific or area-specific allocation of Plan Funds is made, as the assistance under these Schemes are extended to specific project proposals received.

Setting up of fast-food centres by US multinationals

2813. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted US multinationals to set up fast-food centres all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are aware that food processing plants and fast-food centres will give a fillip to farmers to switch over to non-food crops leading to food scarcity in the country: and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check this dimension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Food scarcity due to setting up of food processing plants, and fast-food centres is not apprehended.

(c) Does not arise.

Operations of deep sea fishing vessels

2814. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made by Government of the foreign exchange earnings lost due to enforced idling of deep-sea fishing vessels in 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto 31st December 1993):

(b) if so, what are the details of such losses; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revive operations of these fishing vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) While no such study has been made by the Government, however, foreign exchange earning from export of marine products from India has been consistently rising as indicated below:—

Export of Marine Products

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crore)
1990-91	139419	893.37
1991-92	171820	1375.89
1992-93	208602	1767.43
1993-94 (upto Dec. 93)	164532	1654.33

(c) A scheme for rehabilitation of the deep sea fishing sector was announced by the Government in April, 1991 which was further liberalised in June, 1992. The scheme contains reliefs such as waiver of penal interest and reschedulement of debt over the balance economic life of the vessels.

In addition to this, following steps have been taken to assist the deep sea finishing sector:—

(i) Provision of 33% subsidy on the cost of indigenously constructed deep sea fishing vessels.

(ii) Provision of loan facility on soft terms by SCICI Limited.

(iii) Assistance for construction of fishing harbours at major and minor ports.

(iv) Training of deep sea fishing operatives for manning the fishing vessels.

(v) Assistance for diversified fishing.

(vi) Price reimbursement on HSD consumed by Export Oriented deep sea fishing vessels.

(vii) Equity participation by Marine Products Export Development Authority in deep sea fishing projects.

Extension of tenure to Murari Committee

2815. SHRI MENTAY PADMANBHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of extensions of tenure granted to the Murari Committee on rehabilitation of sick deep-sea fishing units;

(b) whether any interim recommendation has been given by the Murari Committee; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Four extensions of tenure of three months, three months, one month and twenty-one days respectively have been granted to the Murari Committee on rehabilitation of sick deep sea fishing units.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

India's share of processed food in global market

2816. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's share of processed food in the global market the details thereof for the last three years and its share to the total exports of India:

(b) what share of processed food was constituted by the food processed through agricultural produce and its share to the total exports of processed food:

(c) what is the share of processed food used within the country and its ratio with exports; and

(d) steps to be taken by Government to step up exports of processed food formed by agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र

2817. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग की जानकारी